

Unison Reading: Isaiah 64:1-6

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—  
2 as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil—  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
3 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence.  
4 From ages past no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who works for those who wait for him.  
5 You meet those who gladly do right,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
But you were angry, and we sinned;  
because you hid yourself we transgressed.  
6 We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

CRADLE ROLL BABIES AND THEIR PARENTS		
Virginia Campbell Byars December 31, 2024 Trey and Mikayla Byars	Oliver Earley Ballew May 9, 2025 Cliff and Elizabeth Ballew	Henry Douglass Gresham September 18, 2025 Cooper and Becca Gresham
Anne Legare McWilliams January 11, 2025 Andrew and Leslie McWilliams	Nelson Homer Weathers May 13, 2025 Julius and Sara Weathers	Hattie Kent Hungarpiller September 17, 2025 DuPree and Virginia Hungarpiller
Mims Day Garvin January 30, 2025 Tyler and Laura Garvin	Edith Simpson Kiphart May 20, 2025 John and Jean Kiphart	Clark Tillery October 1, 2025 Jake and Charli Tillery
Davis Dukes January 31, 2025 Andrew and Laurin Dukes	Sullivan Elliott Freeman June 1, 2025 Chachere and Easton Freeman	Davis Edward Towles October 9, 2025 Kyle and Hannah Towles
Olivia Jane Robertson March 5, 2025 Jack and Maddie Robertson	McLain Palmer Bowman June 17, 2025 Seth and Melissa Bowman	Catherine Hunter Riley November 10, 2025 Troy and Elizabeth Riley
Bleckley Elizabeth McDougald March 17, 2025 Ben and Kinley McDougald	James Preston Cornwell August 18, 2025 Alden and Margaret Livingston	Holden Jack Lowe December 22, 2025 Matt and Kelly Lowe
Brunson Edward Armistead April 5, 2025 Henry and Harriet Armistead	Wynn Christian Livingston August 19, 2025 Alden and Margaret Livingston	
William Callahan Elliott April 18, 2025 J.D. and Mary Kate Elliott	Lane Campbell Schultz September 15, 2025 James and Lauren Schultz	

DEACONS: DAVID ELLISON AND RICHARD SLATER  
HEAD USHER: RYAN BARNES (9:00 AM) SCOT SEIGLER (11:15 AM)  
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WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

For detailed information and to register for the below programs and events,  
visit our website <https://eastminsterpres.org/>.

Sundays@5 Adult Classes and Programming begins tonight: Pastoral Epistles (I & II Timothy, Titus, and Philemon) “Correspondence with Servants of God’s Sovereign Word” with Dr. Douglass Key is a seven-week study in the Gray Music Room through Feb 15. Purchase study guides via Upcoming Events.

Sunday Night High School Gathering tonight: (5-6:30 p.m.) in the CLC. Be on the lookout for details and texts from Pastor Rob! Middle School Youth will not meet tonight.

Mindfulness Mondays Return in February: Join us on first and third Mondays to learn mindfulness practices for every day life that allow us to draw near to God and be more fully present in a busy world. We meet at 9 am on first Mondays and 5 pm on third Mondays.

WE@EPC Meals start back this Wednesday, January 7th: You can RSVP via Upcoming Events or via the Membership & Outreach Ministry page. January 7 MENU: Adults: Baked Panko Chicken Breast, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Carrots & Cauliflower and Rolls, Children: Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots (raw), and Rolls. Pricing: Children (0-8) \$4, Adults \$8. You may pay online when you RSVP or at the door. Meet us in Thompson Hall at 5:15 p.m. for dinner. Adult PM Classes begin at 6.

WE@EPC Classes begin this Wednesday, January 7th: Join Dr. Douglass Key for “Christian Prayer for Today’s Christian” at 6 p.m. in the Adult Reception Hall after dinner. We’ll focus on topics such as how to pray with our “whole selves” and who we are when we pray. Visit Upcoming Events to learn more. Register for class and purchase your book via Upcoming Events. Our WE@EPC Menu will be available soon.

WE@EPC “Winter Wellness: Connecting with God” also begins on January 7th: Join Rev. Emily Mooneyhan and Dr. Carol Byrd to explore how spiritual practices help us to draw near to God. Explore topics like setting Godly intentions for the new year, walking meditation, and how being grateful is a gift in itself. Join us in Thompson Hall after dinner. Special guests with expertise in wellness will help lead some of our sessions. Visit Upcoming Events to see our topics through February 11th.

Officer Installations for the Class of 2028 is next Sunday, January 11th: during 11:15 a.m. Traditional Worship. Thank you to the Class of 2025, who have completed their three-year terms.

Join us for a “Blessing of Prayer Shawls” Peace Service on January 11th, at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary: Prayer Shawl Ministry “knitters” serve on first, third, and fifth Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in CLC Rm 265. Beginners are welcome! Our next meeting is on December 31st.

Kingdom Kids (4K - 2nd graders) and Club 345 (3rd-5th graders) Kick-off is next Sunday: January 11th: at 5 p.m. Spring Registration form coming soon! See emails from Pastor Croskeys and Mrs. Stefanie for specifics. We’ll meet on Sunday nights until 6:30 p.m. We need and appreciate parent volunteers!

Registration is Open for EAA (Eastminster Arts Academy) Spring Classes: Join us in January. A variety of lessons, from voice and piano to guitar and strings (violin, viola, cello, and bass), will be offered from January 20 - April 20, 2026. Visit the EAA page on our website to register.

Attention EDS Covenant Families: A change in the EDS Covenant Family procedures now asks that families submit a signed agreement annually. Current and Prospective Covenant Families can find the agreement online at <https://eastminsterpres.org/ministries/day-school>. Please submit signed agreements by Monday, January 5, to be included in the 2026 Covenant Family review. Contact Katie Herndon, EDS Director, with questions ([kherndon@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:kherndon@eastminsterpres.org)).

MINISTERS—ALL OF US!

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SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS  
JANUARY 4, 2026  
9:00 AND 11:15 AM

3200 TRENHOLM ROAD  
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**Welcome to Eastminster Presbyterian Church!**  
In Christ’s name, we welcome you to Eastminster. We hope that you will feel the love and peace of Christ as you worship with us. Please take this time to silence the world and focus your heart and mind on worshiping our living God.  
“*So welcome each other, in the same way that Christ also welcomed you, for God’s glory.*” *Romans 15:7*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd

**CALL TO WORSHIP**  
Leader: The light shines in the darkness,  
**People: and the darkness did not overcome it.**  
Leader: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.  
**People: Shine in our lives, Lord Jesus Christ.**  
**All: Let us worship God.**

**†\*HYMN OF ADORATION #150**  
*As With Gladness Men of Old* DIX

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**\*THE APOSTLES’ CREED** *(Unison)*  
**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our LORD; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*\*GLORIA PATRI** *(Please send the children forward.)*  
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**PRESENTATION OF THE CRADLE ROLL** *(9:00 am)*

**\*\*TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**  
The 3K—5K children may come to the front and bring their offering.

**CHILDREN’S HYMN #487**  
*These Treasured Children* PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**  
**God our Savior, we confess that we fail to live in your light. Christ has come into the world, and yet we do not know him. He has called us to be his own, and yet we do not accept him. Forgive us, God of grace. Shape us by your Word of truth, seal us with your Holy Spirit, and let us live to show your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**  
Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.  
**Congregation: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

**RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON #104**  
*O Lord, How Shall I Meet You* VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN  
**Love caused your incarnation; love brought you down to me; your thirst for my salvation procured my liberty. O love beyond all telling, that led you to embrace in love, all loves excelling, your lost and fallen race.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER** Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith  
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP REGISTER AND OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS**  
If you or someone you know is in need of special prayer today or if you would like to speak personally with a pastor about making a first-time commitment to Christ or growing in the Christian faith and discipleship, a pastor is on hand to speak with you following the worship service today by the pulpit in the front of the Sanctuary.

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**  
*Upon a Calm and Quiet Night* James E. Clemmens  
Upon a calm and quiet night while shepherds watched their sheep, the angel of the Lord revealed the Savior they should seek: “Raise your voices strong and clear, for the Son of God is here!” Gloria! Gloria in excelsis Deo! The Wise Men sought the new-born King: from far-off lands they came. They gave gifts and worshiped him to glorify his name: “Raise your voices strong and clear, for the Son of God is here!” Gloria! Gloria in excelsis Deo! Now come, all Christians young and old, give praise to Christ our King! Join hands and hearts in joy to spread this wondrous news we bring: “Raise your voices strong and clear, for the Son of God is here!” Gloria! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

**\*DOXOLOGY**  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*OFFICER’S PRAYER** David Ellison

\*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND. \*\*CHILDREN MAY BRING THEIR OFFERING AT THIS TIME.  
†THOSE WAITING IN THE NARTHEX MAY NOW BE SEATED.  
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**SCRIPTURE LESSONS**  
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Leader: The Word of the LORD!  
**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key  
“What Just Happened?”

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #12**  
*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION #150**  
*As With Gladness Men of Old* DIX  
**Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way; and when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.**

**POSTLUDE**

**\*A TIME FOR GREETING AND FELLOWSHIP**



**WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER**  
We are delighted that you have chosen to celebrate this Lord’s Day with us, and we hope that in a real and meaningful way you will sense God’s presence, power, and purpose among us. If you would like for us to connect with you, please leave your contact information in the Friendship Pad when it is passed.

**INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?**  
*Contact the church office at 803-256-1654 to learn more and find out about our next First Step class which begins February 22, 2026, a class designed to help you learn about Eastminster and our ongoing ministries.*

**January 11, 2026**  
Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith  
1 Timothy 6:11-20